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MURMANSK AREA
SUBMARINE ACTIVITY

1. THIS MISSION PROVIDES THE BEST AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF THIS AREA SINCE TALENT MISSION [REDACTED] ALL THE NORTHERN FLEET SUBMARINE BASES EXCEPT YOKANOA NAVAL BASE ARE COVERED BY EXCELLENT QUALITY STEREO PHOTOGRAPHY.
2. THIS AREA HAS BEEN COVERED NINE TIMES BY KH PHOTOGRAPHY FROM [REDACTED]
3. THE TOTAL [REDACTED] FOR THE NORTHERN SUBMARINE FLEET IS 168 OPERATIONAL SUBMARINES. THIS MISSION REVEALS A TOTAL COUNT OF 96 SUBMARINES INCLUDING A TOTAL OF FIVE "E"-CLASS SSGN NOT CARRIED IN THE [REDACTED] O.B.
4. PECHENGA NAVAL BASE [REDACTED] NINE "W"-CLASS SUBMARINES.

THIS MISSION REVEALS TWO "W/R"-CLASS SS, FOUR POSSIBLE SS, ONE SUBMARINE UNDERWAY IN THE PECHENGA APPROACHES (OFF THE GRAPHIC), ONE PROBABLE ATREX-CLASS ASL, FIVE POSSIBLE PC, FOURTEEN PROBABLE MSF, THREE UNIDENTIFIED AUXILIARIES AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED MINOR SURFACE COMBATANT.

LITSA BAY SUBMARINE BASE - [REDACTED] : TEN "N"-CLASS SSN AND TEN "N"-CLASS SSGN.

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THIS MISSION REVEALS TWELVE SUBMARINES: TWO "E"-CLASS SSGN, ONE PROBABLE "E"-CLASS SSGN, ONE POSSIBLE "E"-CLASS SSGN, TWO PROBABLE "H"-CLASS SSGN, TWO PROBABLE "N"-CLASS SSN WHICH APPEAR TO BE 340-350 FT LONG (THE CANUKUS CONFERENCE CARRIES THE "N"-CLASS SSN AT A LENGTH OF 330 FT), THREE POSSIBLE "N"-CLASS SSN, AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE APPROXIMATELY 300 FT LONG. ALSO OBSERVED WERE ONE DON CLASS AS, FOUR BOLVA-CLASS APL, ONE PROBABLE APL, ONE SKORYY-CLASS DD, THREE UNIDENTIFIED AUXILIARIES, AND SEVERAL SMALL HARBOR CRAFT.

5. MURMANSK AREA SUBMARINE BASES - [] : TWENTY-FOUR "G"-CLASS SSB, FOUR Z CONVERSION "V"-CLASS SSB, THIRTEEN "Z"-CLASS SS, SEVENTEEN "R"-CLASS SS, FORTY-FIVE "W"-CLASS SS, ONE "W"-CLASS SSG (SINGLE CYLINDER), THREE "W"-CLASS SSG (TWIN CYLINDER), FOUR "W"-CLASS SSG (LONG BIN), AND ONE "W"-CLASS SSR (CANVAS BAG).

THIS MISSION REVEALS THE FOLLOWING AT THE MURMANSK AREA BASES:

URA GUBA NAVAL BASE - 22 SUBMARINES: 18 PROBABLE "W/R"-CLASS SS, AND FOUR POSSIBLE MEDIUM SUBMARINES. ONE DON-CLASS AS, ONE PROBABLE ATREX-CLASS ASL, AND ONE POSSIBLE DLG APPROXIMATELY 465 FT LONG WERE ALSO SEEN.

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SAYDA GUBA SUBMARINE BASE - EIGHT SUBMARINES: TWO PROBABLE "G"-CLASS SSB, TWO PROBABLE "F"/"Z"-CLASS SS, ONE UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE, ONE UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE APPROXIMATELY 330 FT LONG, ONE POSSIBLE SUBMARINE APPROXIMATELY 280 FT LONG, AND ONE POSSIBLE SUBMARINE APPROXIMATELY 320 FT LONG. ONE DON-CLASS AS ALSO OBSERVED.

OLENYA GUBA SUBMARINE BASE - NINE SUBMARINES: FOUR PROBABLE "G"-CLASS SSB, THREE POSSIBLE "W"/"R"-CLASS, AND TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEDIUM SUBMARINES.

PALA GUBA NAVAL BASE - ONE POSSIBLE "E"-CLASS SSCN, TWO EMPTY FLOATING DOCKS AND SEVERAL SMALL UNIDENTIFIED AUXILIARIES.

POLYARNYY NAVAL BASE - 18 SUBMARINES: FIVE PROBABLE "F"/"Z"-CLASS SS, FOUR POSSIBLE "F"/"Z"-CLASS, ONE PROBABLE "W"-CLASS SSG (LONG RIN), ONE POSSIBLE "W"-CLASS SSG (LONG RIN), THREE "W"/"R"-CLASS SS, THREE PROBABLE "W"/"R"-CLASS SS, AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE. ALSO ONE DD, THREE POSSIBLE MSF, ONE POSSIBLE PC, AND NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT OBSERVED.

SEVEROMORSK NAVAL BASE - ONE "G"-CLASS SSB. ALSO ONE SVERDLOV-CLASS CL, ONE LARGE DD, EIGHT OTHER DD, SEVEN DE, ONE PROBABLE DE, TWO PROBABLE MSF, AND

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ONE UNIDENTIFIED AUXILIARY OBSERVED.

ROSTA NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD - EIGHTEEN SUBMARINES:

FIVE PROBABLE "G"-CLASS SSB, ONE PROBABLE AND THREE POSSIBLE "F"/"Z" SS, FOUR PROBABLE AND ONE POSSIBLE "W"-CLASS SS, AND FOUR UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINES. ALSO NOTED WERE ONE SVERDLOV-CLASS CL AND NUMEROUS YARD CRAFT.

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